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For: Method for Classifying and Counting Nucleated
Bone Marrow Cells

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3. The method according claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (8) calculating a myeloid cell count by deducting a lymphocyte count and a monocyte count from the leukocytic cell count; and
- (9) calculating the ratio of the erythroid cells to myeloid cells from the obtained myeloid cell count and erythroid cell count.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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CORRECTIONS TO CLAIMS

Claim 3. (Amended) The method according claim 1 [or 2],
further comprising the steps of:

(8) calculating a myeloid cell count by deducting a lymphocyte count
and a monocyte count from the leukocytic cell count; and

(9) calculating the ratio of the erythroid cells to myeloid cells from the
obtained myeloid cell count and erythroid cell count.